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TO : City of Tukwila Planning Commission
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Attn : Commissioners ;

DATE : October 8, 2008

RE : City of Tukwila Shoreline Master Program Update.

NOTE : Dear Commissioners,

We are writing you this letter because we are deeply dissatisfied with the City of Tukwila Planning Departments attempt to quickly pass an updated Shoreline Master Program (SMP) without any input from the residents, businesses, property owners or other constituents residing in Tukwila. Without the important input of these vital parts of this City, the Planning Department cannot plan, design and implement a new SMP that accurately takes into account the needs of this greater community they work for. We have several issues with this proposal.

This 2008 proposal does not take into account the meaningful impact it would have on the residents living within the shoreline area. It does not take into account the affect on businesses that are located within the shoreline area, and it does not take into account the meaningful economic impact on property owners in the shoreline area.

From the Planning Departments actions and others in the City of Tukwila, it is clear that they do not want to include the community in designing such a plan that would benefit all of its residents. These City employees seem to be motivated to quickly pass this SMP so that the City of Tukwila can capitalize on many of the unfair proposed requirements that clearly benefit the City of Tukwila, but are an economic and unjust loss to the residents, businesses and property owners this very proposal negatively effects. It is clear their reasoning is to avoid having to compensate these very residents, businesses and property owners this proposed SMP would unfavorably effect.

Although the Planning Department would like us to believe that this proposal needs to be completed in the next few months, they have until December 2009 to make adjustments and come up with a real plan that takes into consideration the ideas and needs of this community.

Community members have not had enough time to review the SMP and determine the full impact it may have on them. The Planning Department has obviously not taken into account the full legal and financial ramifications passing an ill-fated proposal that has no public input, would have on the finances

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of this City in this poor economic time. We have many issues with the specific details of this proposed SMP. We would instead like you to focus on slowing down this process and including the community in the planning, design and implementation of a new SMP for the City of Tukwila. We recommend the Planning Department and the City of Tukwila not only have open houses where they show us their plans, but open up the SMP to meaning conversation, where the concerns and ideas of the public are taken into consideration, and compromise and change are made on those issues deeply effecting the residents, business owners and property owners in the City of Tukwila.

You are the voices of these residents, businesses, and property owners this very plan affects. We are informing you that we are unhappy and dissatisfied with this proposal. We are hoping that you will stand up for the citizens of Tukwila at this time of need. That you will express our concerns to the City, the Mayor, the City Council and the Planning Department and inform them that this proposal in its current form, is not flawless. It does not take into consideration the opinions, knowledge and insight of a vast numbers of Tukwila citizens. Please do what's right in this situation and demand the City of Tukwila to work with its citizens.

Thank you,

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